

## Committee on Equal Opportunities Terms of Appointment

*The Committee on Equal Opportunities is requesting that the Council formally establish terms of appointment for its members.*

Action: The staff recommends that the Council approve the Committee on Equal Opportunities' recommendation to establish terms of appointment for members as follows: citizen members four years with a maximum of two consecutive terms, Council members one year or until replaced, and the legislative member one year or term of office. The members will be given appointments staggered by number of years for the first term to protect the committee's institutional memory and will represent all regions of the state.

At its June 26, 2002, meeting, members of the CEO asked staff to research the history of the committee, its membership, and the term of appointment. Also, the committee asked that staff develop a recommendation for its consideration to formally request that the Council establish terms of their appointment and service. The recommendation was approved by the CEO June 16, 2003, and the CEO asked that it be considered by the Council July 28.

The Committee on Equal Opportunities is composed of 13 members: four members of the Council, eight citizens of the Commonwealth, and one legislator. The chair of the Council appoints the committee chair and other members of the committee and the Council provides staff assistance. Members of the committee serve at the pleasure of the Council.

If the recommendation is approved, the Council chair will implement it immediately.